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## **DR. WADDILL SPEAKS TO VOCATIONAL NURSING CLASS**

**SAN ANGELO** – Dr. Louise Waddill, retired Executive Director for the Board of Nursing for the State of Texas, spoke with the Howard College San Angelo Vocational Nursing class on September 4, 2008. In conjunction with the class curriculum covering the history and legalities of nursing, Dr. Waddill enlightened the class on the mission of the Board which is to protect and promote the welfare of the people of Texas by ensuring that each person holding a license as a nurse in the State of Texas is competent to practice safely. She also covered how the Board fulfills its mission through the regulation of the practice of nursing and the approval of nursing education programs. She explained how investigations of complaints are conducted and some of the primary infractions that would result in a nurse having to appear before the Board. She stressed to the students the importance of knowing the laws and adhering to the rules. Dr. Waddill also explained how enhancements have been made from a written to a computerized exam which is required for students to receive their state license after graduation.

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